

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 38-41 are amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1. (Previously presented.) A process for manufacture of a dry enzyme-containing granule, said method comprising:

adding less than 75 of 100 parts by weight of a particulate component having a mean size of more than 40 μm in the longest dimension to more than 25 of 100 parts by weight of an enzyme or an enzyme and granulating agent and

mixing said particulate component with said enzyme or with said enzyme and granulating agent in a mixer granulation process to form a granule.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled.)

Claim 4. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particulate component is an inorganic compound selected from the group consisting of salts, minerals, clays and mixtures thereof.

Claim 5. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 4 wherein the salt is selected from the group consisting of alkali- and earth alkali salts of phosphate, sulphate, chloride and carbonate.

Claim 6. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 4 wherein the mineral is selected from the group consisting of talcs, zeolites, and silicates.

Claim 7. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 4 wherein the clay is selected from the group consisting of kaolin and bentonite.

Claim 8. (Original.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particulate component is organic.

Claim 9. (Original.) The process of claim 8, wherein the particulate component is a vegetable flour.

Claim 10. (Original.) The process of claim 9, wherein the vegetable is a cereal grain, a legume,

a fruit or a nut or a combination thereof.

Claim 11. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 10, wherein the cereal grain is selected from the group consisting of wheat, rye, barley, oats, rice, maize and sorghum.

Claim 12. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 8, wherein the particulate component has been treated with dry superheated steam.

Claim 13. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the granulating agent is selected from the group consisting of fiber materials, binders, fillers, liquid agents, enzyme stabilizers, suspension agents, crosslinking agents, mediators, solvents and combinations of any of the foregoing.

Claim 14. (Previously presented.) The process of any preceding claim, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of oxidoreductases, transferases, hydrolases, lyases, isomerases, and ligases.

Claim 15. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the mixer granulation process is a high shear mixing process.

Claim 16. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, further comprising a step of coating the granule.

Claim 17-32 (Cancelled.)

Claim 33. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particles of the particulate component have a span value of less than 2.0.

Claim 34. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particles of the particulate component have a span value of less than 1.5.

Claim 35. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particles of the particulate component have a span value of less than 1.0.

Claim 36. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particles of the particulate component have a span value of less than 2.5.

Claim 37. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, further comprising the step of drying the granule.

Claim 38. (Currently amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particulate component of the finished granule has a span value of less than 2.5.

Claim 39. (Currently amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein particulate component of the finished granule has a span value of less than 2.0.

Claim 40. (Currently amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particulate component of the finished granule has a span value of less than 1.5.

Claim 41. (Currently amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein the particulate component of the finished granule has a span value of less than 1.0.